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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to express my support for the recent settlement concluded between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe this agreement is good for the computer industry and consumers in general.

The settlement is comprehensive and requires many concessions from Microsoft. For example, Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. Also, Microsoft will be monitored under the agreement by a three-member Technical Committee to assure the company meets its obligations. This committee will also take complaints from any third party who feels Microsoft is not complying with any provision of the settlement.

As a worker in the computer industry, I understand the importance of Microsoft to our industry and the entire economy. I also believe the government has more important matters to handle than to penalize a great American company such as Microsoft. Please focus my tax dollars on Homeland security and also on protecting U.S. Companies from illegal competition from foreign companies. Please look into tactics of the Japanese companies who control the flat panel computer screen market.

In summary, I hope the federal government will continue to support the settlement and not reopen litigation.

Sincerely,

Gregory Brendel

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